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DR FERDINAND DURCANSKY - President, Slovak Liberation Committee

Since the summer of 1938, Durcansky conspired - in personal contact with Hitler, Goering, Ribbentrop and Seyss-Inquart - against the existence of the Czechoslovak state and against Western democratic powers. In 1938, Durcansky, having reached direct understanding with the Nazis and acting on their suggestion, attempted to create such radical situation in Czechoslovakia, as to lead to the disintegration of the state. He asked Nazi leaders to use their influence in severing Slovakia from Czechoslovakia. In return he promised, independent Slovakia would maintain close cooperation with Germany in military, political and economic matters. He accepted weapons and explosives from agents of Nazi Germany, to provoke chaos by terroristic action on the state's territory.

On March 13, 1938, Durcansky accompanied Dr. Tiso to Berlin where, together with Hitler, Goering and Ribbentrop, he arranged for Slovakia's secession from the Republic. This, as is known, gave Hitler the pretext for declaring the Czechoslovak state as non-existent and for occupying the Bohemian lands.

Following the proclamation of an independent Slovak state in March 1939, Durcansky became its Minister of Interior. In this function he did everything to mould the Slovak state after the Nazi model. He abolished the democratic system in Slovakia, prohibited all parties except one, and introduced dictatorship. He created an analogy of the Nazi SS formations

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